State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Nagaland	1331	977	1316
Orissa	1079	1025	950
Punjab	3741	4028	4032
Rajasthan	960	975	884
Sikkim	1193	1317	1356
Tamil Nadu	2562	2343	2262
Tripura	1875	2119	2060
Uttar Pradesh	1945	2188	2105
Uttaranchal			1712
West Bengal	2198	2178	2217
A & N Islands	2070	2496	2533
D & N Haveli	1179	1394	1257
Daman & Diu	1303	2464	1303
Delhi	795	803	798
Pondicherry	1961	2041	2037
All India	**1627**	**1704**	**1636**

*Separate estimates for the newly carved out States are available only from 2000-01.

Drought in Karnataka

4687. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 179, given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is facing severe drought situation in the year 2002-2003; and

(b) if so, the details of steps Government propose to take to tackle the drought situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No report has so far been received from the Government of Karnataka regarding drought situation during 2002-03. The State Government is, however, making provision for Drinking Water Supply from its Calamity Relief Fund.

MSP of Agricultural Products

4688. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of MSP for all agricultural products and foodgrains, fixed during the last year and the current year; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to protect the interests of farmers when the prices fall below the Minimum Support Price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) A statement showing the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of major agricultural commodities for the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 crops is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) In case of fall in market prices below the MSPs, the Government takes several measures to protect the interest of farmers which include undertaking price support operations of major agricultural commodities under the MSP scheme and using instruments of trade to encourage exports and discourage imports of agricultural commodities, etc. Accordingly, record quantities of certain agricultural commodities, whose prices fell below their MSP level, were procured during last two years and import duties were revised upwards to discourage imports. Likewise, policy measures were also taken to encourage exports.